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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed July 5, 2006 which imposed a Restriction Requirement in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant makes the following election and requests that examination of the elected claims on their merits be promptly conducted in light of the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Office alleges that the present application contains claims drawn to six independent and patentably distinct inventions. The claims are grouped as follows:

Claim Group 1: Claims 1-14;

Claim Group 2: Claims 15-23;

Claim Group 3: Claims 24-34;

Claim Group 4: Claims 35-47;

Claim Group 5: Claims 35-42 and 48-53; and

Claim Group 6: Claims 54-58.

In response, Applicant elects Claim Group 2, claims 15-23 for immediate examination. Additionally, claims 24-34 have been amended herein to depend from elected claim 15. Additionally, new claims 59-61 which depend from elected claim 15 have been added by the present paper. All other original claims are labeled as "withdrawn" herein.

Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of any withdrawn claim and reserves the right to file any number of continuation or divisional applications to the withdrawn claims or to any other subject matter described in the present application.

An examination of claims 15-34 and 59-61 on their merits is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this

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application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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